(c) by when Government propose to set up the refinery after according approval to the proposal and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) The refineries sector has been delicensed since June, 1998 and a refinery can be set up anywhere in India by private or public sector enterprises depending on the promoters' assessment of its viability. It is not the Central Government but public and private sector enterprises who consider proposals for setting up refineries including in the State of Rajasthan. Public Sector Undertakings may consider setting up a refinery, in accordance with the decision-making authority delegated by the Government *vide* Department of Public Enterprises' Office Memorandum No. DPE/11(2)/97-Fin dated 22.7.1997.

As regards the proposal to set up a refinery in the State of Rajasthan, since only about 2.5-3 million tonnes per annum of heavy crude oil is likely to be produced in the State, setting up a well-head refinery might prove viable.

JV document on modernisation of airports

*9. DR. MA M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to give greater weightage to bidders promising to develop world class infrastructure in the shortest duration particularly in case of Delhi and Mumbai airports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have finalised the draft for the new Joint Venture;

(d) if so, the salient features of this JV document; and

(e) the time likely to be taken to modernise the above airports and the likely cost of this modernisation in respect of each of the above airports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) The principles of Request for Proposal Document and other Transaction documents including evaluation criteria regarding restructuring and modernisation of Delhi and Mumbai airports are under the consideration of the Government.

(e) As per report of the Global Technical Advisor of Airports Authority of India (AAI), it is estimated on preliminary basis that for Delhi and Mumbai airports, the capital investment to the extent of Rs. 8720 crores and Rs. 6400 crores will be required for Delhi and Mumbai airports, respectively. The above estimates do not include cost of likely relocation of some of the assets and removal of encroachments. The first phase of modernisation/ expansion of Delhi and Mumbai airport is likely to be completed by 2010.

Airports for super jumbos

*10. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the AAI has identified any airports in the country to make them designated gateways to handle the newly-unveiled 555-seater super jumbos /.e.,A-380s;

(b) if so, the details of such airports and whether the identified airports have the parking bays for the super jumbos; and

(c) what are the other measures AAI are taking to ensure smooth handling of these jumbos?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The international airports at Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai have been identified for accommodating A-380 aircraft. 3 parking bays at Mumbai airport, 2 at Delhi and 1 parking bay at Chennai airport have been identified to handle A-380 type of aircraft. The work of identifying parking bay at Kolkata is at the preliminary stage. The proposed new international Airports at Bangalore and Hyderbad would also have the facilities for handling A-380 aircraft. Studies have already been carried out for adequacy of Runway Length, Taxiway Width, Turning Raddi and apron parking positions at these airports.

Irrigation projects in Assam

*11. SHRI URKHAOGWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Centre's major irrigation projects yet to be completed in Assam and the amount released so far, scheme-wise;